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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Japanese document, together with its English-language abstract, is enclosed. Pursuant to 1276 O.G. 55 (August 5, 2003), no copy of the U.S. patent document, which is believed to be an English-language counterpart to the Japanese document, is enclosed, 05/04/2007 TBESHAHI 00000033 10010974

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JP 2001-507528 was cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. The pretrial reexamination in the corresponding Japanese application was dated March 1, 2007.

In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing and returning a copy of the attached Form PTO-1449.

It is noted that this application has received a final action. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by the requisite \$180.00 fee.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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